ANNEXA ION NOIES.

That there has been a great change in the sentiment of the people of Idaho on the subject of annexation is apparent by the expressions of the newspapers of that Territory. This change has doubtless been wrought by the fact that the United States Senate Committee on Territories has recommended the annexation of what is known as the panhandle of Idaho to Washington Territory. Speaking of this matter the Wood River Times, published at Hailey, Idaho, under date of Februay 2, says editorially:

Luckily for us, Nevada needs us -and badly. She is well governed, her rate of taxation is low compared with ours, she has the ablest representation-Jones, Stewart and Woodburn-of any State in the Union, and is anxious to welcome us. We must take steps to be annexed at an early date.

Already petitions are out in this county praying Congress to permit the proposed annexation, and they are being almost unanimously signed. Let them be circulated without delay and forwarded to Senator Jones or to Congressman Woodburn, and they will see that our prayer is granted.

There is much to commend annexation. By it we would at once obtain the right of self-government; we would be ably represented in Washington and no longer compelled to send men there who, denied the right to vote, are mere nonentities; we would secure many other advantages.

In a local item the same paper

About noon today a dispatch requesting our Legislators to introduce in the Legislature a joint memorial praying for the anuexation of South Idaho to Nevada, was sent to Boise. It was signed by about a dozen prominent citizens, who happened to be around when the matter was proposed. The dispatch will be supported by a petition which is being numerously signed.

The Hailey News-Miner, which has been opposed to the annexation of Idaho to Nevada, begins to see the error of its ways. It now states that several petitions are being circulated in Hailey praying for an nexation to Nevada, and that the proposition is gaining strength.

The Treasures of the Snow

The Salt Lake Tribune publishes the following article, which is referred to the Irrigation Committse:

The coming Spring will be a good time to make estimates of the amount of water which will run to waste from the Wasatch range. A superficial calculation will, we think, show that if all the snow piled in the mountains could be utilized, it would make moisture enough to give life to every arable acre in the Territory and cause it to produce a full crop. Of course, to utilize it all or nearly all, is impossible, but the supply generally used we think might easily be doubled. This is the most important problem of the great West. An inch of running water anywhere in the West, where it can be utilized, is worth as much as an acre of land, and people eager for land should keep this fact in mind. It is better to get 100 acres of land and 100 inches of flowing water than to get 250 acres of land without the water. The difference can be estimated by a single example. On the best natural meadow land, not more than three cows or oxen could obtain a living on ten acres. But clear off ten acres of average sagebrush land, plant it in alfalfa and give it plenty of water, and sixty tons, or one hundred and twenty thousand pounds, can be cut. This would give twelve animals about thirty pounds each every day in the year. This is natural desert land we are speaking of. The same land will yield seven tons of potatoes to the acre, or thirty bushels of wheat, while the oats grown upon it will weigh three or four more pounds to the bushel than the oats brought here from Nebraska. Are not such miracles worth building reservoirs and aqueducts for? In point of fact the agriculture of Utah is yet in its infancy, and science and money will county, write to prove that fact in the next twenty-



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